

TEUTON OFFENSE LACKS IN VIGOR APPEARS FAILURE

Lower Piave River Sector Scene of Continued Fighting For Footing On Riv- er Bank

WASHINGTON, June 20—(Associated Press)—Lack of the tenacity of the first days of the offensive, falling short of those attacks in vigor and violence but still fighting desperately, the Austro-Hungarians sought to continue their offensive along the lower Piave yesterday but met with such superb resistance from the Italians that they accomplished little and yet suffered great losses.

In the mountain sectors the tide was apparently afraid to again force an issue with the Italians and their Allies following the sanguinary repulses which they met in the mountain passes where they have not achieved and held even so much as a small gain.

RIVER DYED RED

Under a raking Italian fire which filled the Piave with corpses and dyed its waters red with blood, the Austro-Hungarians tried repeatedly to establish bridge heads along the Piave bank. All along this sector the Italians held them steadily throughout the day.

On the British front, as reported in official messages from London last night, the Austrians made practically no progress. In those British held sectors the situation was unchanged from Tuesday. Heavy battling between the air forces was indicated in the report that the British downed fifteen foe machines and four of their own were missing.

VIENNA STILL BOASTFUL

While the Austrian official reports continue to claim the taking of large numbers of prisoners, 30,000 are claimed, and assert that advances have been made on the Lower Piave River, the situation yesterday began to assume the aspect of a sanguinary defeat for the offensive and this was practically admitted in the Vienna Arbeiter Zeitung. Zurich despatches said and quoted the paper as saying that the critical situation in Vienna will be still more serious when the details of the sanguinary defeat we have received on the Italian front become known.

Vienna claimed that the Austrians had crossed the Fossatta Canal at some points and that everything was moving in order. Advance Italian attacks on both sides of the Oderzo-Troviso railway were repulsed with heavy losses and the Austrians had broken through several of the Italian defenses near Montello.

ITALY CONFIDENT

Capture of 9000 prisoners is claimed in the official message received from Rome as well as the capture of numbers of large guns and several hundred machine guns in the Piave sector alone and in addition to the prisoners taken in the mountain sectors during the severe fighting of the earlier stages of the offensive. A fresh coup on the lower Piave failed.

AMERICAN AVIATORS

American aviators will soon be fighting with the Italians and the Allies in this battle. The first escadrille trained in the naval aviation that has been maintained for the past several months in Italy have left for the front. Rome reported, and will enter in action at once. This report came through the Italian embassy.

WILDEST FLIGHTS OF FICTION SURPASSED IN TRIAL OF PRINCESS

One Witness Kills Man With a Bible, Also Slew Wife and Another; Ka- huna Invoked Is Testimony

In the trial proceeding in the court room before Judge William H. Heen of "Princess" Theresa Wilcox Belliveau and James Kealoha, charged with conspiracy in connection with the fraudulent Liliuokalani will, the wildest flights in which a fiction writer might indulge his fancy are surpassed and a narrative of events that ordinarily would be regarded as unbelievable is being written into the record from the testimony of witnesses.

Following "Rev." Sam Kamakana's confession that he was bribed to enter the conspiracy by the promise of a church, and a reserved seat in heaven another witness yesterday in telling of offenses he had committed explained that he had killed a man with a bible and subsequently, while he was the pastor of a church called "The House of Society," had murdered his wife and another man with a shot gun.

Story of Case

The present criminal case grew out of probate proceedings before Circuit Judge C. W. Ashford that were opened shortly after the death of the late Queen Liliuokalani when two wills were presented. Of the two wills one was declared fraudulent when "Rev." Sam Kamakana and James Kealoha, whose names appeared on it as witnesses, confessed in open court that they did not see Liliuokalani sign the document and that when they signed it Queen Liliuokalani was not present as they had alleged in affidavits that became the will. The testimony that they gave then has been made a part of the record of the present criminal hearing.

When the criminal hearing opened last Monday "Rev." Sam Kamakana, James Kealoha and "Princess" Theresa, having been indicted upon charges of forgery and perjury, were called upon to answer the charge of conspiracy and at this point Kamakana turned state's evidence and the conspiracy charge against him was withdrawn by the prosecution. He then repeated the story he had told in Judge Ashford's court, testifying as a witness for the prosecution.

Case of Handwriting

In the preliminary part of the hearing yesterday it was apparent that the prosecution was beginning to lay a foundation for testimony that may be offered today which will show who actually signed the fraudulent will. Attorneys W. O. Smith, Frank Andrade and Bert Lightfoot were all on the stand to review testimony that had been given before Judge Ashford in the probate proceedings and to identify handwriting, both that of the late Queen and that of "Princess" Theresa as well.

In a recess called by the court in the middle of the hearing "Princess"

Theresa provided a diversion for the spectators in the court room when she flew into a passion of wild denunciation which she poured out against witnesses who had been testifying and against the prosecution. She called the whole thing a "frame-up," asserting those opposed to her are jealous and saying that she defied them. No effort was made to check the flow of abusive and after a time she subsided.

Cohuna Appears

Mrs. Elizabeth Webb, who had been a retainer of the late Queen and who had said "Princess" Theresa could not have obtained Liliuokalani's signature was included among those deposed by "Princess" Theresa.

That weird thing of the ancient Hawaiians, kahunaism, now under ban of law but still surviving in hidden lairs, like hoodooism in the southern states, also plays its part in the trial. From the testimony, the magic powers of the kahuna seemed to have been invoked to keep the Kahuna, who was a witness, from testifying.

Nakima, now serving a term of life imprisonment for the murder concerning which he testified, told of visits made to him by "Princess" Theresa while he was working at the public library as a trustee. He told of receiving money from "Princess" Theresa that he said had been given to him by a Chinaman. The trend of the testimony indicated that Makima was approached and his influence purchased to keep in line those associated with "Princess" Theresa.

It was Makima who testified he had killed a man with a bible. Though the reason for the action was not explained in testimony given, Detective Harry Lake, who played an important part in the work of inquiry that preceded the trial said yesterday that the killing with the bible occurred in 1903 on the island of Hawaii. The victim was despoiled of all at a place called Hamakua. Detective Lake explained and when Makima was summoned he attempted to drive out the devil that possessed the sick man by striking him on the head with a brass bound bible. This treatment, Detective Lake said, resulted in concussion of the brain and death and emboldened him in the conviction of Makima on a charge of manslaughter, for which he served eight years.

In answer to questions Makima said after his release he became head of The Peaceful Society and while holding this office he came upon his wife one night at Koolapoko, Oahu, in a compromising position with another man and he shot and killed both of them with a shot gun. He is now serving life for this offense.

GERMAN WAR VESSELS PENNED UP IN CANAL

LONDON, June 20—(Associated Press)—Germany has large numbers of her naval craft rendered useless to her and helpless to the Allies and their shipping for the time being, at least, as a result of the recent Allied activities. Airplane divers who have returned with photographs give information that is very encouraging. The announcement was made yesterday by the admiralty's financial secretary, Mr. McNamara.

Penned up in the Bosphorus canal are twenty-one German destroyers, large numbers of submarines, which are not specifically given, and other auxiliary craft. These are at the present time of no value to the Germans.

Proposes To Make Germany Pay High For Its Crimes Upon Seas

LONDON, June 20—(Associated Press)—Plans for the reconstruction period which is to follow the defeat of Germany and the end of the war are contained in a report of the shipping and shipbuilding committee of the board of trade, presented yesterday.

Early removal of government control of these industries is one of the first recommendations rendered in the report.

When peace is made the treaty should force the surrender of enemy shipping and wisely punish Germany for its long array of sea crimes. It should provide for the returning off of the shipping of the enemy and the proceeds of such sales should be added to the indemnity fund.

AGENTS EXPLAIN WHY THEY EXACTED FEES

WASHINGTON, June 19—(Associated Press)—As a result of the arrests of yesterday, the exposure of a cul de sac of agents to collect contingent fees upon navy contracts for the securing of which they offered their services and in some instances are said to have threatened failure if not employed, brought many such agents to the offices of the department of justice to explain why they sought to explain or excuse their conduct.

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—Adv.

BONE DRY NATION IS NOT UNLIKELY

Amendment To Agricultural Ap- propriation Bill Not Likely To Be Opposed By Wilson

WASHINGTON, June 20—(Associated Press)—National prohibition for the period of the war is looming up large as a possibility. It may come through the Jones amendment to the Agricultural Appropriation Bill.

It is now understood that President Wilson will not oppose the adoption of this amendment although at first it was insinuated that it did not have his approval. Unless he opposes the chances of the passage of the amendment are regarded as fairly strong. Leaders said yesterday that a favorable report was likely.

Before the senate committee on agriculture which is holding the hearings on the Jones amendment and the Agricultural Appropriation Bill, Bainbridge Colby of the Shipping Board spoke yesterday against the amendment. He said it would be a menace to the ship building program of the United States if it should be enacted and would not down ship construction by twenty-five percent, adding that the workers "want their best."

SHIPS OF SWEDEN TO RENDER GOOD SERVICE

Four Hundred Thousand Tons For America and Allies

WASHINGTON, June 19—(Official)—Sweden will furnish the United States and its allies 400,000 tons of shipping. The completion of the agreement is announced from London.

This agreement follows many months of negotiations. Its terms have not been announced but it is believed that under the agreement Sweden will secure food, fuel and other supplies of a character and variety that have been greatly needed in Sweden since the United States entered the war and began the licensing of exports.

It is considered certain that the action which was taken by the United States and Great Britain under the international law to commandeer Dutch shipping had the effect of bringing a more speedy and ready consent from Sweden. Violent objection from Germany to this arrangement is expected.

TARDIEU WILL HAVE NEW SECRETARYSHIP

WASHINGTON, June 20—(Associated Press)—Official announcement will be made today that Special French Commissioner Tardieu will take on new secretaryship which is to be created in Clemenceau's office to bring closer cooperation between the United States and France. He will remain commissioner to the United States and will divide his time between the two countries.

MEN'S NEW STYLES TO CONSERVE IN CLOTH

WASHINGTON, June 19—(Official)—Conservation of woolen cloth so that more woolen clothing may be made available for military uses in regulation of styles is demanded in ruling issued by the war industries board.

The new regulations bar double breasted coats and also coats of excessive length, ordinary or overcoats; there will be no excess of pockets or of pocket flaps and no wide collars. These provisions cover the styles for the year. There are to be fewer models of such coats than in the past.

JUGO SLAVS MAY SEE SERVICE IN SALONIKA

SAN FRANCISCO, June 19—(Associated Press)—Organization of all Jugoslavians in the United States into a large army for service on the Salonika front was planned at a big meeting here. Representatives of Serbia and the dismemberment of Austria are contemplated by the plans fostered by a representative of Jugo-Slav London committee.

DUTCH SOCIALIST WILL NOT GET INTO ENGLAND

LONDON, June 20—(Associated Press)—Peter Troelstra, leader of the Dutch socialists will not attend the labor congress here. After it became known he had conferred with Scheide-mann, he was refused a passport to enter England.

NEXT LIBERTY LOAN MAY BE SIX BILLIONS

WASHINGTON, June 19—(Associated Press)—Tentative plans have been made for the Fourth Liberty Loan of at least six billion dollars with interest at four and one-quarter percent. The campaign will be launched early in October.

FEW WOMEN REGISTER

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20—(Official)—Registration of German women under the new law is going slowly in this city. It is estimated that more than 1000 have registered although more than 5000 German women registered. An explanation of the discrepancy is offered in the statement that many women have married Americans and thus secured citizenship through their husbands.

GERMAN ASSAULT ON RHIMS SECTOR BEATEN

Forty Thousand Men Used and Only Few Return To Trenches; Attack May Be Local Or May Indicate Point of Next Phase of Great Offensive

NEW YORK, June 20—(Associated Press)—Using more than forty thousand troops in assaults delivered upon the French positions to the west and southwest of Rheims the Germans attacked almost continuously throughout Tuesday night and yesterday. They have been practically cut to pieces, according to the despatches which have come from the French front.

Throughout Tuesday night the Teutons threw a tremendous bombardment upon the Rheims sector between Vigny and La Fomelle and later launched an attack in force which the French met with a withering artillery and rifle fire and held in check. Before the city of Rheims the foe also sustained serious losses.

Throughout the day the Huns continued to pour against the French positions, wave upon wave. Repeatedly they tried to advance and on often they were driven back by the French. The losses were so heavy that at few of the enemy succeeded in reaching their own lines.

Not Mean Offensive

This is the sector that has been picked by war observers and military experts as a likely point for the next great assault by Germany. Whether the engagement of yesterday was a local engagement, an effort to feel out the strength of the French positions or an indication of a new phase of offensive time will determine, but it is evidently a preliminary effort for Germany so far as it has gone.

AMERICAN FLIERS MAKE MORE RAIDS

Drop Bombs, Encounter Foe and
All Return Safely — Sam-
mies Continue Aggressive

WASHINGTON, June 20—(Associated Press)—American aviators on the Western Front continue their raids beyond the enemy lines. Confians again their target yesterday and five machines made up the raiding party. They dropped numbers of bombs on military establishments of the Germans, encountered enemy airplanes and all of them returned safely.

Two American patrols yesterday crossed the Marne, killed a considerable number of the enemy and all returned.

Details of Xivray

Called reports from the American army say that German prisoners admit the complete defeat of carefully wheeled plans to capture Xivray from the American forces whose fighting abilities surprised the Teutons.

American troops repulsed German tank raids on the Marne sector. General Pershing reports that thirteen American aviators who were ambushed by forty Germans fought their way back to their own lines inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. It is thought that nearly all of the ambushing force was wounded.

Two German planes have been destroyed, one by an American aviator and the other by a twelve Allied machine.

American forces near Montdidier have been under heavy artillery fire. Ward Division in Advance

The war department announces that the thirty second division of the National Guard is now fighting in Alsace, Germany. The announcement is pertinent because German troops have identified the American division.

The list of casualties given by the war department contained the names of twenty-eight killed in action, twelve died of wounds, three of pneumonia, two of airplane accidents, eight of disease, and eighty-seven severely injured and one slightly wounded, while one is missing and two are known to have been taken prisoners.

MEAT FOR ARMY IS REJECTED AS UNFIT

WASHINGTON, June 19—(Associated Press)—Attempts to foist upon the government meat which was considered unfit for consumption and as such rejected were told today by Captain Williams of the navy. It was evident of the "exhausted beef scandals" of the Spanish American War, he said, that the character of the meat was discovered by a ship's agent and not by the navy.

Captain Williams testified that the meat in question was furnished under contract by Wilson & Company of Chicago and that hundreds of thousands of pounds from that source of supply was rejected as unfit for use.

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AUSTRIA NEAR TO BREAKING POINT IN HER HOME AFFAIRS

Hunger, Labor Troubles, Dissat- isfaction With Germanism Are Prevalent

WASHINGTON, June 20—(Associated Press)—Austria's affairs at home are rapidly coming to the breaking point. This is indicated in the messages which are coming from Amsterdam and other points. Hunger, dissatisfaction with rationing systems, grave disorders resulting from the attempted Germanizing of the dual empire, labor troubles, insistence upon peace and the seeds of Bolshevism which have taken deep root and are spreading among the Slavonic population all conspire to render the situation the most serious that has been faced at any time since the war began.

REVOLT CLOSE AT HAND

Dire distress exists outside of Vienna, the Arbeiter Zeitung says, according to Vienna messages. Both in and out of Vienna there is to be heard bitter complaint over the paucity of supplies that are coming from the Ukraine whence an abundance had been expected to arrive within a short time after the execution of the peace treaty. Labor is on the verge of revolting because Von Winner, the minister of finance, has refused the demands of the employees of the government monopolies for an increase in wages.

PROTEST SMALLER RATION

The Vienna city council has passed resolutions protesting vehemently against the reduction of the bread ration, according to other despatches received in Amsterdam.

The labor council of the Austrian capital has passed new resolutions which reiterate its demands "for the speeding of a general peace notwithstanding the great obstacles which peace endeavors must meet and overcome."

Coupled with these comes the apparent failure of the long promised offensive that was to take Venice and push on through Italy, bringing that country to its knees, and the growth of Bolshevism.

SPIRIT OF BOLSHEVISM

The political situation in Austria may be summed up briefly as follows: The government feels itself less and less able to resist the growth of the Bolshevik spirit among the non-German population, especially among the Slovenes, while on the other hand the Austro-Germans are attempting to take over the government more and more.

A few days ago Germans and Austrians in a conference held in Vienna demanded the creation of a German council for Austria in order to insure unity of action. In the program suggested for the council are the introduction of German as the official language throughout Austria, the creation of a strong centralized administration in order to protect the German minorities such as exist in Bohemia, the suppression of movements looking toward the independence of subject nationalities, and the settlement of the future relations of the Germans with the Magyars and Poles on the basis of a closer union between Germany and Austria-Hungary. Access to the Adriatic was proclaimed an essential point in this program. The names of the principal leaders of this movement are still unpublished.

UKRAINE IN REVOLT

In the Ukraine and in those sections of Russia where Austria expected to secure vast stores of provisions after peace was made the situation is even more threatening. An intercepted wireless message says that a great revolt is in progress at Kiev. There the artillery stores have been blown up and there is almost continuous street fighting. The revolt is spreading in Poltava and at Chernigov 40,000 peasants have organized and armed themselves. Warsaw studies this information.

WILL INCREASE NAVY BY FIFTY PERCENT

MEN IN TRANSPORT SERVICE PRAISED

More Men Needed For Vessels Nearing Completion

WASHINGTON, June 19—(Official)—Increase in the naval force of the United States by fifty percent was voted by the house of representatives today in accordance with the request of Secretary of Navy Daniels. The present numerical strength is 57,000 men and under the measure which was passed by the house it will be, when the measure is approved by the senate to which it now goes, 85,485.

This increase is made to meet the requirements for the manning of the new vessels which soon are to be commissioned. Such vessels are of a large variety of type. It will give authority for the raising of enough men to meet the nation's needs in this line until the December session of congress at least, when it is likely that authority for further increases will be sought.

NEW TRAINING CAMP OPENS AUGUST FIRST

WASHINGTON, June 19—(Official)—Establishment of a new training camp with accommodations for twenty thousand men was announced by the war department today. It is to be located in one of the Atlantic Coast States convenient to tidewater.

In this new camp will be trained engineers, replacement troops and men for commissions as first lieutenants. It will be ready for use and training in it will commence on August 1.

YOUTH IS CONSIDERED

WASHINGTON, June 19—(Associated Press)—In pardoning and restoring to the army the two young American soldiers who were convicted of war department men were announced by the war department today. It will be ready for use and training in it will commence on August 1.

ACTS OF TURKEY MAY CONSTITUTE WARFARE

WASHINGTON, June 19—(Associated Press)—The American minister at Teheran has informed the state department that involving Turkey in the American hospital when they took Teheran, the second city of Persia, last week, seized the American and British consulates and otherwise violated neutrality. If these actions are confirmed this may be considered an act of war by Turkey and settle the question as to whether or not the United States should declare war against Turkey.

The first step was taken over the protests of the Spanish consul, reported to the American embassy in Teheran, that the American consul had been seized and the building of the time.